

Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

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In the Matter of)

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Revision of Part 15 of the Commission's Rules
Regarding Ultra-Wideband Transmission
Systems)

ET Docket No. 98-153**ORDER DENYING AN EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE COMMENTS**

Adopted: September 12, 2000

Released: September 13, 2000

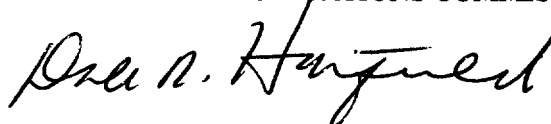
By the Chief Engineer:

1. A *Notice of Proposed Rule Making* (NPRM) in the above entitled proceeding was adopted by the Commission on May 10, 2000, 15 FCC Rcd 12086 (2000). Comments in this proceeding are due on September 12, 2000, and reply comments are due on October 12, 2000. Test data associated with the standards proposed for ultra-wideband (UWB) devices are due on October 30, 2000.

2. On August 30, 2000, Multispectral Solutions, Inc. (MSSI) requested an extension of the comment period until March 15, 2001, and of the reply comment period until April 15, 2001. MSSI states that these extensions are necessary to permit test data to be filed prior to the comments. MSSI adds that testing scheduled to be performed by the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) may not be completed prior to December 29, 2000, and may even slip an additional two months. Oppositions to MSSI's extension requests were filed on September 11, 2000, by Fantasma Networks (Fantasma) and by Time Domain Corporation (TDC). Both parties note that test data will not be filed by the time initial and reply comments are due. Fantasma adds that there are a number of other issues raised in the NPRM that are unrelated to that test data, e.g., measurement techniques. Fantasma and TDC both note that the Commission indicated in its NPRM that it would make the test data available for additional public comment. TDC also indicates that NTIA stated, on September 7, 2000, that it plans on meeting the October 30, 2000, date for the submission of test data.

3. As the Commission stated in paragraph 31 of the NPRM, following the submission of test data it will issue a public notice to provide an opportunity to provide comments and replies on the test results and analyses. This provides ample leeway to obtain comments even if the test data submission is delayed. Thus, we agree with Fantasma and TDC that an extension of the time for filing comments and reply comments is unwarranted. Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED, pursuant to the delegated authority contained in 47 C.F.R. 0.241(a), that the request from MSSI IS DENIED.

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